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SUBJECT: KAUNDA UNGA SPEECH ON SOUTHERN AFRICA

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1. WE BELIEVE PRIME MINISTER VORSTER'S SPEECH TO SOUTH AFRICA SENATE OCT 23 AND PRESIDENT KAUNDA'S RESPONSIVE UNZA SPEECH OF OCT 26 (FULL TEXT BY SEPTTEL) AT CLOSE OF ZAMBIAN TENTH INDEPENDENCE CELEBRATIONS IN LUSAKA CAN BE LOOKED UPON AS COMPANION PIECES IN PUBLIC DIALOGUE WHEREIN VORSTER AND KAUNDA APPEAR TO BE IN AGREEMENT IN WANTING PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT OF PROBLEMS IN SOUTHERN AFRICA RATHER THAN RESORT TO ARMS.

2. WE BELIEVE KAUNDA DESERVES PUBLIC APPLAUSE FROM INTERESTED THIRD PARTIES SUCH AS USG (AS DONE IN CASE OF AMBASSADOR BOTHA'S OCT 24 STATEMENT IN SECURITY COUNCIL -- REF A) FOR HIS PROMPT RECOGNITION OF VORSTER'S SPEECH AS "VOICE OF REASON" AND HIS RESTATEMENT AFRICAN OFFER CONTAINED IN LUSAKA MANIFESTO THAT AFRICA INDEED STANDS READY TO HELP CREATE CONDITIONS FOR PEACEFUL CHANGE IF SAG INDEED

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IS READY FOR PEACE ON CONTINENT.

3. IN PRIVATELY COMMENTING TO ME ON KAUNDA'S SPEECH, HIS SPECIAL ADVISOR MARK CHONA SAID ZAMBIANS SAW SOUTH AFRICAN STATEMENTS AS "SOME FAINT LIGHT IN TUNNEL" BUT ARE LOOKING FOR ACTIONS IN ADDITION TO RHETORIC; SAID "OTHER PEOPLE," MEANING THE WEST AND ESPECIALLY US AND UK, NEED "TO HELP BY TELLING THEM," MEANING THE SOUTH AFRICANS, "TO STOP LIVING IN A WORLD OF FEAR" WHICH IS UNREALISTIC AND DANGEROUS.

4. ZAMBIAN CALL FOR ACTIONS IN EFFECT ENDORSES USG CALL FOR SAME IN DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN'S COMMENT (REF A) ON AMBASSADOR BOTHA'S STATEMENT. KAUNDA'S SPEECH GIVES USG STILL ANOTHER OPPORTUNITY TO INVITE SAG TO TAKE STEPS WHICH COUNT. ADDITIONAL STATEMENT BY DEPT SPOKESMAN COULD INCLUDE REFERENCE TO USG READING OF LUSAKA MANIFESTO AS SERIOUS AND SINCERE DOCUMENT AND THUS BE RESPONSIVE TO REQUEST MADE BY TANZANIAN PRESIDENT NYERERE TO ASST SEC EASUM IN THEIR LUSAKA MEETING OCT 23 (DAR ES SALAAM 3548 -- NOTAL).

5. WITH UN SECURITY COUNCIL VOTE ON EXPULSION OF SOUTH AFRICA IMMINENT WE CONSIDER IT IMPORTANT TO GIVE AS MUCH PUBLIC ATTENTION AS POSSIBLE TO CONCILIATORY AFRICAN STATEMENTS SUCH AS KAUNDA'S SEEKING TO NARROW DIFFERENCES AND SUBDUE SAG FEARS CONCERNING MAJORITY GOVERNMENTS AND MULTI-RACIAL SOCIETIES. WILKOWSKI

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